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SANCTIONS

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Poloff delivered reftel demarche on December 22 to Head of the South East Asia Unit at the MFA, Liselott Andersson. She said Sweden continues to support EU sanctions on Burma, but the sanctions regime must be "fine tuned" to be effectively implemented and have the desired impact: "there is no point to sanctions if one cannot implement them." The December GAERC produced a statement on Burma but no actions were taken to revise the sanctions regime. The EU Commission currently is now reviewing ways to "fix" the sanctions regime but Andersson did not know when a decision will be made. As to deleting target lists, Andersson said this was only one of the options under consideration by the Commission and will not necessarily be the one chosen.  
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